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1. REF B PRESENTED DEPARTMENT'S VIEW OF HISTORY OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOA ON MAYAGUEZ ISSUE AND FEELING THAT INABILITY OF GOA TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE ALONG THE LINES OF AUGUST 31 PROPOSAL WOULD LIMIT OUR FLEXIBILITY IN DEALING WITH POSSIBILITIES OF LEGISLATION TO CLOSE MAYAGUEZ "LOOPHOLE" AND/OR IMPOSITION OF QUOTAS UNDER THE MEAT ACT OF 1964.

2. DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING ALL AVAILABLE OPTIONS WITH USDA AND FINAL DECISION ON OUR COURSE OF ACTION UNDER CONSIDERATION AT HIGH LEVEL. REF B SHOULD BE CONVEYED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE GOA TO GET OUR VIEWS OF THE

EVOLUTION OF EVENTS PROMPTLY ON RECORD. IT IS NOT, OF
COURSE, A FINAL RESPONSE TO THE SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS
SURROUNDING THE MAYAGUEZ ISSUE AND THUS SHOULD NOT BE
VIEWED AS OUR REPOSE TO
THE MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED TO THE AMBASSADOR BY THE DPM.
HIGH LEVEL WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION OF OPTIONS TO DEAL WIT
MAYAGUEZ IS PROCEEDING ON AN URGENT BASIS. ROBINSON

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